

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the 11th paragraph, page 6, starting with "Fig. 10 shows" with the following paragraph:

--FIG. 10 shows the braided implant of FIG. 5 after it has been implanted into a disc nucleus, with the implant in its second, folded, or pleated, configuration.--

Please replace the third full paragraph, page 19, starting with "Fig. 10 shows" with the following paragraph:

--FIG. 10 shows the implant of FIG. 7 after the implant has been implanted all of the way into disc nucleus space 75. Drawstring 72 has been pulled sufficiently to bunch or fold the implant completely so as to provide a pleated configuration, so that the width of the implant is now nearly as great as the length. As can be seen from the drawings, an implant having a length-to-width ratio of about 10:1 in its straightened configuration of FIG.7, has been folded to an implant of pleated configuration having a length-to-width ratio of about 2.5:1 in its straightened configuration of FIG. 10.--